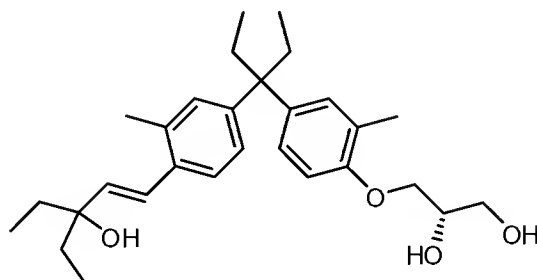


REMARKS

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 27, 2009, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-28 in part, for prosecution. In addition, to comply with the species election requirement, Applicants elect the species of Example 3C, (*E*)-3-(4-{1-ethyl-1-[4-(3-ethyl-3-hydroxypent-1-enyl)-3-methylphenyl]-propyl}-2-methylphenoxy)-propane-1,2(*S*)-diol (page 80, lines 15-16 of the specification as filed). This compound can be represented by the following structure:



The claims within Group I that read on the elected species are claims 1-3, 5, 13-15, 26, and 28. The exact definition of each substituent listed in claim 1 for Example 3C is as follows:

R¹ and R² are each independently alkyl (i.e., ethyl);

R³ and R⁴ are each independently alkyl (i.e., methyl);

R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, R^9 , and R^{10} are each independently hydrogen;

\mathbf{X} is \mathbb{R}^{25} , wherein

R²⁵ is alkenyl (i.e., 1-pentenyl) substituted with -OR¹⁵ and alkyl group,
where R¹⁵ is hydrogen; and

Y is $-\text{OR}^{31}$, wherein

R³¹ is alkyl (i.e., propyl) substituted with two -OR¹⁵ groups,
where each R¹⁵ is hydrogen.

The applicants understand that election of this species is for search purposes only, and search and examination will be expanded from the elected species to the extent permitted by the prior art, up to the full scope of the claims, pursuant to MPEP 803.02.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-0001, if the Examiner believes that a discussion would expedite prosecution of this application.

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